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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" My own impression is that the schools may be situated within the same compound, but I don't think any institution is being run in the church itself. If any specific instance is brought to my notice, certainly I shall look into it, Sir."

North-east monsoon rainfall of Tamilnad.

* 217 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Indian Meteorological reports, the rainfall conditions in Tamilnad and their results between 1870–1951 have been communicated to this Government during 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A copy of the report entitled ' North-east Monsoon Rainfall of Tamilnad—A study of 82 years' Data ' was sent to this Government in 1952 by the Meteorological Centre, Madras."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" அந்த ரிப்போர்ட்டில் கடந்த 81 வருஷ சர்வே எடுத்ததில் வட கிழக்குப் பருவக் காற்றும், தென் கிழக்குப் பருவக் காற்றும் தொடர்ந்து தவறி வந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறதைச் சுட்டிக் காட்டி அதனால் நாட்டிலேயே பெரிய நெருக்கடி ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்றும், அதனால் பெருத்த அளவுக்கு ராஜ்யத்தில் பஞ்சம் வரப் போகிறது என்றும் எடுத்துக் காட்டப்படவில்லையா ? ஆகவே சர்க்கார் அப்படிப்பட்ட பஞ்சம் நாட்டிலே வராமலிருக்க அந்த ரிப்போர்ட்டின் அடிப்படையில் காடுகளை வளர்க்க ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" On the other hand, in the report of the Regional Director, Meteorological Centre, Madras, he says that the result of his study was that the deficiency of rainfall in Madras was a passing phase and that accordingly, there was no reason for panic on the assumption that rainfall would continue to be deficient for any length of time and that normal seasons were bound to occur. Yesterday's and to-day's rainfall disproves what the hon. Member says."

Government Women and Children Hospital, Kozhikode.

* 218 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of beds provided in the Government Women and Children Hospital, Kozhikode, Malabar;

(b) the number of in-patients admitted in the hospital now; and

(c) the average number of out-patients attending the hospital daily?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) One hundred and eighty beds.

" (b) The daily average number of in-patients is 357.

" (c) Eight hundred and six."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that as a result of the congestion in the hospital, poor ladies who give birth in those hospitals are asked to get out of the hospital immediately after giving birth? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It will not be immediately after child-birth. Sometimes it may be after two or three days."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of this lamentable lack of accommodation in the Women and Children Hospital and in view of the fact that the old Headquarters Hospital building is lying vacant for a very long time, may I know why the Government cannot hand over that building to the Women and Children Hospital for the purpose of providing additional accommodation? I may tell the Hon. Minister that this is a demand that is being pressed by the Kozhikode Municipality and also the public for a long time."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Malabar is a problem district. One of the problems is that too many children are born there (laughter). This question of utilizing the old Headquarters Hospital building was considered and given up as it was not found suitable for carrying out repairs. Now, there is a proposal under consideration to open an out-patients' department for women at the Headquarters Hospital at Kozhikode and to transfer the special departments like Tuberculosis and Ophthalmic sections to the Headquarters Hospital. If this is done, congestion in the Women and Children Hospital will be relieved, Sir."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" The Hon. Minister said that women are allowed to stay in the hospital for three days after giving birth. My own information is that the minimum period for which they are to be allowed to stay in the hospital is 10 days. Will it not be better to refuse them admission even in the first instance rather than asking them to get out of the hospital immediately after child-birth? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The usual time allowed is ten days. But, too many women come for child-birth. So, it sometimes becomes necessary to keep them there for a shorter time. It is not considered desirable to refuse admission for any women coming for child-birth."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is there a separate maternity section in this hospital and what is its latest yield (laughter), Sir? "

11-20 a.m. SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister stated just now that the birth-rate in Malabar was abnormal. May I inform him that the birth-rate in Malabar is

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abnormal when compared with the statistics published by the Government themselves and on a comparison with some other places. It is the abnormal inattention on the part of the Government that is responsible for this state of affairs and not the abnormal rate of child-birth. Under these circumstances will the Hon. Minister be pleased to see that proper accommodation is given to the mothers going to the Women's Hospital at Kozhikode? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have visited that hospital myself more than once and maternity cases seem to be lying there all over the place in large numbers. I do not understand why this particular hospital alone should be overcrowded with so many women who come for confinement."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the answer given by the Hon. Minister is only an excuse for the Government not doing anything for Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have already stated what is being proposed to be done."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, in view of the answers given by the Hon. Minister, will he be pleased to consider the question of strengthening the staff and appoint more midwives and maternity assistants so that they can go to the houses of these mothers and assist them in child-birth? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The employment of midwives and maternity assistants and opening of maternity centres are the concern of the local boards, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that there is neither septic tank nor flushout latrines in the hospital and whether Government have any proposals to remedy this? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

(* 219 Q.—Postponed for answer on 14th December 1954.)

Supply of electricity to South Kanara district from Mysore State.

* 220 Q.—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the point of supply of electric power from Mysore State to South Kanara district is expected to be ready;

(b) at what stage the construction of the electric lines and stations in South Kanara stands; and

(c) the approximate date when they will be ready to take supply?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) The present indications are that the Government of Mysore may be able to make bulk supply of Jog power